

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 4-6, 9, 15, 19, 22-25, 28, 40, 42, 44, 45 and 48 have been amended. Claims 3, 14, 21, 41, 47 and 49 have been cancelled. Claims 30-39 have been withdrawn. Claims 1, 2, 4-13, 15-20, 22-29, 40, 42-46 and 48 are pending and under consideration.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

Claims 1, 2, 11, 14, 16-20, 26, 29, 40, 45, 46 and 48 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Ogawa (US 7,085,210) (hereinafter "Ogawa").

Claims 12, 13, 27 and 43 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ogawa in view of Negishi et al. (US 7,050,367) (hereinafter "Negishi").

Independent claims 1, 19, 40, 45 and 48 have been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claims 3, 21, 41, 47 and 49, respectively, and are therefore believed to be in a condition for allowance. Claim 14 has been cancelled. Claims 2, 12, 13, 16-18, 20, 26, 27, 29, 43 and 46 are dependent on claims 1, 19, 40 and 45, respectively, and are therefore believed to be allowable for at least the foregoing reason.

Withdrawal of the foregoing rejections is requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Applicant acknowledges with appreciation that claims 3-10, 15, 21-25, 28, 41, 42, 44, 47 and 49 have been found to contain allowable subject matter. Claims 3, 21, 41, 47 and 49 have been cancelled. Claims 4-6, 9, 15, 22-25, 28, 42 and 44 have been rewritten in independent form. It is respectfully submitted that claims 7, 8 and 10 are allowable in their present form.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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